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## **Physician suspended: charges include sexual misconduct, prescribing deficiencies, and clinical errors**

**OLYMPIA** — The Medical Quality Assurance Commission has suspended the medical license of Poulsbo physician Narinder M. Duggal (MD00036603). Charges say Duggal is unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety due to sexual misconduct with two female patients, multiple instances of prescribing deficiencies, and clinical errors in the diagnosis and treatment of other conditions.

Duggal operates a large pain management clinic in Kitsap County. His patients are advised to find another doctor if they need ongoing care, and in extreme cases to go to a local emergency room. The commission and state Department of Health are notifying area hospitals and pharmacies of the suspension.

Duggal cannot practice as a physician in Washington until the charges are resolved. He has 20 days to request a hearing and answer to the charges against him. Legal documents in this case are available by calling 360-236-4700 or online by clicking the link to “Provider Credential Search” on the [agency home page](#) (.doh.wa.gov).

The Medical Quality Assurance Commission protects and promotes public health, safety, and welfare in Washington by regulating the competency and quality of physicians and physician assistants. The commission develops rules, policies, and procedures to promote delivery of high-quality health care to state residents.

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